Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure Group Art Unit: 1754

YN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VOGEL ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 1754

Application No.: 09/645,554

Examiner: S. HENDRICKSON

Filed: August 25, 2000

Title: FURNACE CARBON BLACK, PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

January 7, 2004

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Mail Stop AF Group Art Unit 1754 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated November 7, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

FEES

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE			ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	1	-	20	=	0	х	\$	18.00	=	\$	0.00
INDEP.	1		3	=	0	х	\$	86.00	=	\$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM + \$ 290.00									=	\$	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE										\$	0.00
GRAND TOTAL										\$	0.00

FEE PAYMENT

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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